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ABSTRACT OF THE DAILY JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY,

THURSDAY, OCT. 3, 1867.

The Holston Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in the Methodist Episcopal Church in the city of Knoxville, at 9 o'clock, A.M., Bishop Calvin Kingsley presiding. The Bishop conducted the opening religious services by reading of the Scriptures; and, after singing, Rev. Brother Patty led in prayer. The members of the Conference with deep feelings of gratitude joined in the communion of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll, and sixty-eight members answered to their names.

On motion, Rev. John F. Spence was re-elected Secretary of the Conference, and J. S. Petty and R. D. Black, Assistants.

Rev. Dr. Pearne was elected Conference Reporter.

Rev. Dr. Pearne presented a resolution on standing committees which was adopted.

On motion, the session hours of Conference were fixed between 9, A.M., and 12, M.

Dr. Pearne presented and read the Legislative Act incorporating the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On motion, a committee of three was raised, to whom the subject of Trustee succession was referred, viz: Brothers Pearne, Drake and Graves.

The 7th question was taken up:

QUESTION. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

ANSWER. The characters of Rev. E. E. Gillenwaters and George A. Gowan were passed, and relation continued. Rev. J. N. S. Huffaker was made effective and S. P. Harwell passed for the present.

QUESTION 8th called. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

ANSWER. James Cummings, R. H. Guthrie, D. Fleming, Wm. Duggin, John Alley and T. P. Rutherford were severally passed and their relation continued. R. W. Patty was made effective.

The effective Elders were called and passed in the usual manner.

Rev. N. E. Cobleigh, D.D., of the New England Conference, Rev. Brother Leach, of the Pittsburgh Conference, Rev. Mr. Bates, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and Rev. Mr. La Vere, of the Presbyterian (colored) Church were introduced to the Conference.

By a unanimous vote Rev. Dr. Cobleigh was invited to transfer his membership from the New England to the Holston Annual Conference.

Hon. Thomas H. Coldwell, Attorney General of the State, was introduced to the Conference, and made a brief but effective address.

Conference adjourned by expiration of time.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, OCT. 4, 1867.

Conference assembled at the appointed hour. The usual religious services were conducted by Rev. F. M. Fanning. Journal read and approved.

Rev. Bro. Fortner, of the Protestant Methodist Church and

Hon. Horace Maynard were introduced to the Conference. Mr. Maynard, member (elect) of Congress, addressed the Conference in a most earnest and eloquent manner.

Rev. Dr. Pearne, Rev. W. H. Rogers and Prof. Wilson presented reports from different educational institutions. Reports referred to their appropriate committees.

Papers from the Sunday School and Tract Societies were referred.

The relation of A. F. Shannon was changed from effective to superannuated.

Rev. Brother Aikin of the Holston Presbyterian Church, and Rev. J. N. Baker, from Ohio were introduced to the Conference.

The case of S. B. Harwell was referred to a committee.

Second question was taken up:

QUESTION. *Who remain on trial?*

ANSWER. Thomos R. West, John S. Petty, J. G. Trull, J. A. Ruble, Thomas R. Clapp, Lemuel Bogart, Joseph F. Cardwell, John J. Manker, J. B. Powell, C. M. Caldwell, were severally called, examined and continued.

W. P. Proffit was discontinued.

Brother Gibson C. Andrews was readmitted from the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Rev. Mr. Bachman, Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of this city, was introduced to the Conference.

After the usual announcements, Conference adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

OCTOBER 5, 1867.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Wm. Milburn. The journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

The exhibit of the Western Book Concern was read, and Rev. Dr. Reid, Editor of the Western Christian Advocate, was introduced, and in a short address called the attention of the Conference to the interests of our church publications in the

West. A number of papers were presented, read and referred to their appropriate committees.

The third question was taken up, and the following Deacons of the 2d class were called, viz: George M. Hicks, Thomas S. Walker, S. W. Hyden, R. D. Black, R. O. Ayres and J. P. Milburn, were severally passed and advanced. Rev. George W. Coleman having given full satisfaction to the committees of the third and fourth years course of study, by resolution of Conference, his course of study was accepted as completed.

The chair called the list of candidates for orders and full connection, viz: J. W. Peace, J. H. Stamper, Philip Chambers, John H. Moore, John Warthman, W. P. Jackson, Harmon J. Crumley, John Mahoney, Daniel Carter, George W. Coleman, J. B. Fitzgerald, were severally passed, elected to Deacons orders, and received into full connection.

The certificate of transfer of Rev. Nelson E. Cobleigh, D.D., from the New England to the Holston Conference, was read by the Secretary and placed on file.

Question 5th. *Who are eligible to Elders Orders?*

Answer. John B. Ford and R. D. Black were passed and elected to Elders Orders.

Rev. Mr. Humes, Rector of St. John's Church, of this city, was introduced to the Conference.

The following were recommended and elected to Local Elders Orders, viz: John Carroll, J. C. Brown, Joseph B. Everett, Samuel M. Williams and Absalom B. Wright.

The following brethren were represented and elected to Local Deacons Orders, viz: John M. Mitchell, Patterson F. Mountain, Henry Walker, W. H. Weaver, James R. Crank, John Boynton, James M. McCart, James A. Ruble, James A. Hamilton, William Bluford, Robert Clark, William A. Cobb, John A. Matheson, Wesley Hoskins and Charles R. Mays.

Conference adjourned to meet on Monday at 9, A. M.

FOURTH DAY,

Monday, October 7, 1867.

Conference opened its session at the usual hour. Rev. W. C. Graves conducted the religious services by reading the 4th

chapter of Second Corinthians, 483d Hymn and prayer. The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Brothers Spence and Huffaker presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Conference appoint two representatives to the next General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and that the General Conference be respectfully requested to grant them the privileges of delegates to that body.

While the resolution was pending, the chair decided that the Holston Conference, under the conditions of its formation, had no legal right to send delegates to the next General Conference; but if the Conference deemed it important to send representatives to that body, with the understanding that the representatives make no claim upon the General Conference funds for traveling expenses; and with the further understanding that the privileges of such representatives shall be defined by the next General Conference, he should interpose no objection to the appointment of such representatives.

The resolution was adopted, and Rev. Thomas H. Pearne, D. D., and Rev. W. C. Daily, were elected representatives, and Rev J. Albert Hyden, a reserve.

The Chair presented the Certificate of Ordination of Deacons and Elders.

Rev. W. H. Rogers, Chairman, in the case of S. B. Harwell, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the case of Rev. S. B. Harwell be referred to the Presiding Elder of Athens District, and the accused be tried according to Discipline.

The report of Conference Committee on Conference Charter was read and adopted.

On motion, Mrs. Nancy Patton, widow of Rev. Samuel Patton, was recognized as a regular claimant on the Conference funds.

First question was taken up:

QUESTION. *Who are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER. Jonathan N. Baker, Albert G. Watkins, John R. Hughes, Samuel Green, Samuel W. Lee, Thomas W. Atkins, Henry Pile, Thomas R. Clark, James M. Durham, Absalom B.

Wright, John M. Mitchell, Isaac M. Knox, Charles R. Mays and Hilton H. Burke, were severally admitted on trial.

Rev. Isaac Fortner was re-admitted from the Protestant Methodist Church. William Kinsland was re-admitted from the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Rev. John Leach was re-admitted and granted a supernumerary relation. Rev. Alexander F. English was re-admitted from the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Thomas R. West was received into full connection. George M. Hicks was located at his own request. Joseph R. Burchfield was recognized as a Local Elder, and James D. Lawson as a Local Deacon.

Rev. Dr. Pearne offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the presiding elders and preachers in charge of stations or circuits, where persons bring recommendations for orders, or to be admitted into the traveling connection, be and are hereby constituted a committee to examine the same.

William P. Lowery was recognized as a Local Elder, and F. Roten as a Local Deacon. Henry Griffith was elected to Local Elders Orders. Rev. J. F. Spence, Secretary of Committee on Education, presented and read their report, which was adopted.

After the usual announcements, Conference adjourned with the benediction.

FIFTH DAY.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1897.

Conference convened at 9 o'clock, A.M. The religious services were conducted by Rev. J. B. Little. Journal read, corrected and approved. The chair announced the Committees of Examination for the ensuing year. Rev. L. F. Drake was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon; J. L. Mann, alternate.

Rev. W. W. Neal, of the Church South was introduced to the Conference.

The chairmen of the different standing committees presented their reports, which were severally adopted. Dr. Pearne read the Report of the Missionary appropriations.

On motion, Rev. A. R. Bennick was appointed to the Franklin Institute, and Rev. W. H. B. Burkett to the Chatata Seminary.

Rev. Brother Smith, of the Baptist Church, was introduced to the Conference.

Rev. L. F. Drake presented a number of resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

1st. *Resolved*, That the members of this Conference tender their sincere thanks to the families of the city of Knoxville, for the very kind and courteous manner in which they have received us, and for their hospitality during the session of Conference.

2d. *Resolved*, That our thanks be tendered the ministers and members of the several denominations of Christians, for the use of their houses of worship, during the Session of Conference.

3d. *Resolved*, That we extend to the officers of the several Railroads our grateful thanks for half fare tickets in coming to and returning from Conference.

4th. *Resolved*, That these resolutions be published in the Knoxville Whig and other papers throughout the State, and that a copy be sent to each minister in this city, and, also, to the Presidents of the several Railroad Companies.

On motion, a collection was ordered to be taken in the month of January, at each appointment, to defray the expense of our representatives to the General Conference.

Report on Pastoral Address was referred to a Committee, preparatory to publication.

The next session of the Holston Annual Conference, was, by vote, fixed at Chattanooga. Report of Auditing Committee received and adopted.

The Secretary offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Conference, by rising vote, express their high satisfaction with the official and personal influence of our beloved Bishop, Rev. Calvin Kingsley, D. D., in this, his first visit among us.

A committee of three were raised, viz: Rev. Thomas H. Pearne, J. A. Hyden and W. H. Rogers, to proceed as soon as practicable to look after the interests of the Conference, in the property of the Jonesboro' Female College.

Resolved, That each member of this Conference be instructed to preach a sermon on Education, early in the conference year, and take a collection in behalf of the East Tennessee Wesleyan College.

The journal was read and approved,

It was moved that after the reading of the appointments the Conference adjourn.

The Bishop then addressed the Conference, read the appointments, and the Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction.

C. KINGSLEY, *President.*

JNO. F. SPENCE, *Secretary.*

Disciplinary Questions.

QUESTION 1st. *What Preachers are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER. Jonathan N. Baker, Albert G. Watkins, John R. Hughes, Samuel Green, Samuel W. Lee, Thomas W. Atkins, Henry Pile, Thos. R. Clark, James M. Durham, Absalom B. Wright, Jno. M. Mitchell, Isaac H. Knox, Hilton H. Burk and Charles R. Mays.—14.

QUESTION 2d. *Who remain on trial?*

ANSWER. Thomas R. West, John S. Petty, J. G. Trull, J. A. Ruble, Thomas A. Cass, Lemuel Bogart, Joseph F. Cardwell, John J. Manker.—8.

QUESTION 3d. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

ANSWER. R. D. Black, R. O. Ayres, J. P. Milburn, George M. Hicks, Thomas S. Walker and S. W. Hyden.—6.

QUESTION 4th. *Who are the Deacons?*

ANSWER. J. W. Peace, J. N. Stamper, Philip S. Chambers, John H. Moore, John Warthman, W. P. Jackson, Harmon J. Crumly, John Mahoney, Daniel Carter, George W. Coleman and J. B. Fitzgerald.—11.

QUESTION 5th. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?*

ANSWER. Elders, John B. Ford and R. D. Black.—2.

Local Elders, John Carroll, I. C. Brown Joseph P. Everett, Samuel M. Williams and Absalom B. Wright—5.

QUESTION 6th. *Who have located this year?*

ANSWER. George M. Hicks—1.

QUESTION 9th. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

ANSWER. John F. Spence, E. E. Gillenwaters, George A. Gowan and S. B. Harwell—4.

QUESTION 8th. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

ANSWER. James Cummings, R. H. Guthrie, D. Fleming, William H. Duggin, John Alley, T. P. Rutherford and John Leach—7.

QUESTION 9th. *Who have been expelled from the connection this year?*

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION 10th. *Who have withdrawn from the connection this year?*

ANSWER. James Mahoney.

QUESTION 11th. *Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?*

ANSWER. This was attended to by calling the names of the preachers in open conference.

QUESTION 12th. *Who have died this year?*

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION 13th. *What is the number of Church members?*

ANSWER. Members, 18,897; Probationers, 4,823; Local Preachers, 195. Total, 23,915. Total increase, 4975 members.

QUESTION 16th. *Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

ANSWER. See list of appointments.

QUESTION 18th. *When and where shall our next Conference be held?*

ANSWER. At Chattanooga. Time not given.

Certificate of Ordination.

This certifies that John B. Ford, R. D. Black, John J. Carroll, Iredell C. Brown, J. P. Everett, S. M. Williams and Absalom B. Wright were by me ordained Elders. Also, at the same date and place, the following named persons were by me ordained Deacons in the Church of God, viz: J. W.

Peace, J. N. Stamper, Philip S. Chambers, John Mahoney, John Mitchell, P. F. Mountain, H. Walker, C. R. Mays, John Tate, J. R. Crank, John Boynton, J. M. McCart, J. H. Hamilton, J. A. Ruble, Wm. Bluford, R. Clark, W. A. Cobb, J. A. Mattheson, W. Haskins and Henry Griffith.

(Signed) C. KINGSLEY.

Standing Committees.

Public Worship—T. H. Pearne, J. B. Ford and J. J. Manker.

Church Extension—J. L. Mann, W. H. Rogers and B. F. Wells.

Conference Stewards—D. B. Carter, William Milburn, J. J. Manker, G. W. Coleman, M. H. B. Burkett and B. F. Wells.

Education—N. E. Cobleigh, J. W. Warthman, W. H. Rogers, J. G. Trull, W. Ingle and J. F. Spence.

Sunday Schools—J. W. Mann, S. W. Hyden, J. B. Ford, G. M. Hicks, F. M. Fanning and H. J. Crumley.

Statistics—J. J. Manker, T. H. Russell, J. W. Peace, T. R. West, J. G. Trull and W. P. Jackson.

Temperance—M. H. B. Burkett, John H. Moore and D. Carter.

State of the Country—L. F. Drake, W. H. Rogers, F. M. Fanning, J. B. Little, J. Forrester and W. C. Daily.

Missions—Presiding Elders.

Books and Periodicals—R. O. Ayres.

State of the work—W. C. Graves, W. C. Daily, J. A. Hyden, F. M. Fanning, T. H. Pearne and J. L. Mann.

Bible Cause—W. H. Rogers, W. R. Long, J. P. Milburn, Joseph Milburn, J. Trull and M. H. B. Burkett.

Freedmens' Aid Society—J. B. Little, T. H. Walker, R. W. Patty, T. A. Cass, J. Warthman and J. F. Woodfin.

Lay Delegation—T. H. Pearne, W. C. Daily, J. A. Hyden, W. C. Graves, F. M. Fanning and L. F. Drake.

Pastoral Address—R. W. Patty, J. Cumming, W. H. Rogers, F. M. Fanning, W. Ingle and W. C. Graves.

Committees of Examination.

First Year—John F. Spence, R. D. Black and William Long.

Second Year—John W. Mann, William Milburn and J. B. Little.

Third Year—J. L. Mann, R. W. Patty and A. J. Greer.

Fourth Year—N. Cobleigh, D. B. Carter and J. N. S. Huffaker.

To examine candidates for admission on trial, and for Local Deacons and Elders Orders—The Presiding Elder and Preacher in charge.

To preach the Missionary Sermon—L. F. Drake. Alternate, J. L. Mann.

Officers of Conference Societies.

CONFERENCE FREEDMENS AID SOCIETY.

President—James A. Ruble.
Vice Presidents—J. G. Trull and G. W. Coleman.
Secretary—John S. Petty.
Treasurer—Joseph P. Milburn.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President—William Milburn.
Vice President—J. L. Mann.
Secretary—John S. Petty.
Treasurer—J. B. Little.
Managers—J. B. Ford, J. J. Manker, G. W. Coleman.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

Thomas H. Pearne, W. C. Daily, W. H. Rogers, J. A. Hyden, W. C. Graves, Wm. Milburn and J. F. Spence.

Resolutions of Conference.

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Reports of Committees.

KNOXVILLE, October 7, 1867.

I hereby certify that the following reports were adopted by the Holston Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session in 1867.

JOHN F. SPENCE,
Secretary of Holston Annual Conference.

REPORTS ON EDUCATION.

EAST TENNEESSEE WESLEYAN COLLEGE.

Your committee after a careful examination of the report submitted by Prof. P. C. Wilson, Chairman of the Conference Committee, appointed by this body at its last session, with full power to select and locate a first class Institution of Education, and also a report presented by Dr. Thos. H. Pearne, President of the Board of Trustees, beg leave to present the following Report:

We are gratified in reporting that through the labors of the committee, of which P. C. Wilson was Chairman, we have a College property worth from $15,000 to $20,000, elligibly located in the town of Athens, McMinn county, Tennessee, with good title, and funds sufficient to meet all existing liabilities. And we also report that, through the indefatigable labors of Rev. Dr. Pearne, President of the Board of Trustees, a Charter from the Legislature of the State has been secured, giving to the Institution university powers and privileges, and that during a portion of the past year a flourishing preparatory school has been in operation under the supervision of Prof. P. C. Wilson, and that recently it has been opened under the Charter as a College.

A competent Board of Instruction has been secured, with Rev. N. E. Cobleigh, D.D., as President. Dr. Cobleigh, it is well known, was formerly President of McKendree College, where he labored for several years with marked success; resigning his situation only at the call of the church to a more important work. The Institution thus constituted is the *legitimate child* of the Conference, and *as such*, it is the duty of the Conference to cherish and foster it with all the means and influence in its power. True, there are discouragements, the Institution is in its infancy; yet not so puerile at the end of ten months as old *Yale College* at the end of ten years. "We should not despise the day of small things." Yale College commenced with £30 and accompanied the earth ten times in her journey around the sun before she had an edifice or landed property equal to our own.

Though the things of to-day be small with us, not so our expectations. The trans-Atlantic Universities were once as low as we, and in their progress to their present glory, they have seen nations rise and fall and long lines of royal patrons gathered to their fathers.

And furthermore your Committee claim that

WHEREAS, The labor of building up an Institution of the character this is designed to be is not the work of a day or year; but a work requiring time, money and persevering effort. And

WHEREAS, In other localities several annual conferences combine in building up one institution, it appears to your Committee of the highest importance that this Conference should be fully impressed with the idea of *unity* of *feeling* and *action* in this great enterprise. Therefore,

Resolved 1, That as a Conference we pledge ourselves, *individually* and *collectively*, to give our united influence to the work of building up, sustaining and amply endowing the East Tennessee Wesleyan College.

Resolved 2d, That we will promptly discourage and oppose any attempt to divide the interests of the Church, by any movement whatever to establish another Institution of the same grade for males, within the bounds of the Conference.

Resolved 3d, That the nominations of the Board of Trustees be, and are hereby confirmed, viz: Dr. M. R. May, Rev. W. C. Daily, Rev. John W. Mann, G. M. Bloom, Samuel M. Henderson, Theodore Richmond and James N. Baker, as Trustees of the College, in accordance with the Charter.

We also recommend the appointment of the following named persons as a Board of Visitors for the ensuing year, viz: Rev. A. G. Watkins, Rev. J. B. Little, Rev. L. F. Drake, Rev. J. L. Mann and Hon. T. H. Coldwell.

HOLSTON SEMINARY.

Your Committee do further report that they had before them a paper from the Board of Trustees of the Holston Seminary, located at New Market, Tennessee, representing a property well located, worth $5,000, and a school in a very prosperous condition under the principalship of Prof. Samuel P. Johnson, and in accordance with their request we recommend the appointment of the following named persons as a Board of Visitors for the ensuing year, viz: Rev. Thos. H. Pearne, D.D., Prof. P. C. Wilson, J. Cawood, J. N. S. Huffaker, A. J. Greer, J. M. Meek and R. B. Owen.

It is not only a matter of gratification to report the flourishing condition of this School but real pleasure in presenting the fact that the State Legislature recently passed an act prohibiting the sale of ardent spirits within two miles of the Institution. This law being passed at the request of the students and citizens.

JONESBOROUGH FEMALE COLLEGE.

From the report of Rev. L. F. Drake, President of the Board of Trustees, we learn that this Institution, so far as members and literary reputation are involved, is in a flourishing condition; there being over 80 students in attendance. Prof. Henderson Pressnell, a popular educator, has been elected to the Presidency of the Institution; thereby giving general satisfaction to all concerned.

At the last session of the Holston Annual Conference, this Institution was presented by the Trustees and citizens of Jonesborough, and accepted and espoused as the legitimate daughter of the Conference; and *as such*, your Committee have watched its growth with great interest; and to-day report that we are touched with its infirmities. The Board of Trustees inform us that the title and financial condition of the Institution are in a precarious situation, thereby jeopardizing the interests of the Conference in the property, requiring our immediate attention, or this "Munificient donation" will pass forever out of our hands. We therefore recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved 1st, That a committee of three be, and is hereby appointed, who shall proceed, as soon as practicable, to look after the interests of the Conference in said property.

COMMITTEE. Thos. H. Pearne, W. H. Rogers and J. Albert Hyden.

Resolved 2d, That the Conference appoint Rev. Thos. H. Pearne, D.D., Rev. N. E. Cobleigh, D.D., Rev. W. C. Daily, Rev. J. L. Mann and the Pastor of Jonesboro' Station, as a Board of visitors for the ensuing year.

JNO. F. SPENCE, *Secretary.*

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Since our last Annual Session we have seen the hand of Providence as it were, visibly manifested in guiding us as a State and Nation. The precious blood that was so freely shed by the patriots of our country was not in vain, although it brought with it gloom and sorrow all over our land, and made widows and orphans by the hundreds and thousands. The firm and vigorous movements of the truly loyal statesmen of our land are culminating to a glorious termination. We are making history which posterity may read with profit and pleasure. The active efforts of the patriotic hearts in our native land have awakened similar feelings in many other countries, which have for years been struggling for enlarged civil and religious liberty. Judging of the future by the past, the day is not far distant when other nations shall enjoy the same precious freedom that the American people now do.

It is a very truthful saying that revolutions guided by the unseen hand of Providence never go backward. God has made, of one blood, all the people that compose the nations of the earth, and He wills that men of every color shall enjoy like privileges in Church and State.

We are more than ever convinced that the reconstruction policy adopted by our constitutional and patriotic Congress is one that will bring with it peace, permanency and prosperity all through our country if properly carried out, and give to all men the same God-given immunities and privileges.

We, therefore, as a Conference of Christian ministers, pledge ourselves to stand by, pray for and sympathize with the authorities of our State and National Government in all their legitimate and christian efforts in adopting and laying out such measures as shall contribute the greatest amount of good to all classes of citizens in our country which has been baptized by the blood of our fathers, brothers and sons.

As a Church we have always stood by the Government in sunshine and storm, and our ministers have at all times and under all circumstances taught the people, by precept and example, patriotism and love of country.

As the children of Israel looked with pleasure and reverence upon the pillar of cloud and pillar of fire during their sojourn to the promised land, so we, as a loyal and christian people, gaze upon the flag—the stars and stripes—the emblem of civil and religious liberty, with a similar reverence, believing that it will guide us to the haven of peace and universal liberty. Long may it wave

"O'er the land of the free and home of the brave."

On behalf of the Committee,

L. F. DRAKE, *Chairman.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

Your Committee is gratified to learn from the statistics furnished that there is an increase of 120 schools, 1,866 officers and teachers, 6,226 schol-

ars, 17,094 volumes in library. While we rejoice at the prosperity we regret that no more has been done to promote so good a cause.

Your Committee respectfully submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we regret the meagreness of our contributions for the Sunday School Union, and will make efforts greatly to increase them during the ensuing year, by taking collections in our charge.

Resolved, That we call special attention to that part of our Discipline which makes it "the special duty of preachers having charge of circuits and stations, with the aid of the other preachers, to form Sabbath Schools in all our congregations where ten children can be collected for that purpose."

Resolved, That the publications of our own Union in doctrinal purity, beauty and cheapness, are preferable to any others in the country; and we therefore recommend our people to select from our own catalogues to furnish or supply the schools in our bounds.

Resolved That we will endeavor to increase the circulation of the Sunday School Advocate and Teachers Journal.

JOHN W. MANN, *Chairman.*

CHURCH EXTENSION.

We are profoundly grateful for what the Extension Society has done for us, by furnishing money to aid us in building and repairing the waste places of our Conference, but regret and deplore its almost entire failure to meet the urgent wants and necessities of the Church; and furthermore we do deeply lament the strange and mysterious death of the beloved and sweet-spirited Secretary of the Society, Rev. S. T. Monroe, D.D. And we are inclined to attribute the comparative failure of the Society to the sudden removal of this noble man, by the hidden hand of a mysterious Providence from the trials of the Militant to the rest of the Triumphant Church.

Your Committee have no knowledge of any appropriations having been made for the benefit of the Holston Annual Conference for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. MANN, *Chairman.*

TEMPERANCE CAUSE.

All thinking and intelligent men who are patriotic and Christian must have noticed with deep sorrow and profound regret, the fearfully overwhelming inroads which intemperance made from the outbreak of the late fratricidal war to its close. From the high commanding officer down to the most humble soldier, as well as the citizen of every grade, became victims of this terrible master by thousands. And ever since the close of the war, from the man highest in authority down to the poorest pauper that

sleeps in the streets in the dead of winter, strong drink finds its victims. But while these lamentable facts stare us in the face there are indications of a brighter future. Your committee would refer to some of them briefly:

1st. The grand temperance movement in the halls of our National Congress last Winter, where grave Senators and members of our National Legislature in large numbers declared themselves in favor of temperance and humanity. In a few days the influence of this grand demonstration was felt not only in our National Capital, but in all the great commercial centers of our glorious republic, and thence to all the out-posts of the nation. And now in all the most enlightened towns and country places there are Divisions of Sons of Temperance, Knights of Jericho or some other temperance organizations contributing to carry on the glorious temperance reform.

2d. Our own State Legislature, with its patriotic Governor, have nobly aided this great reform. May God continue to inspire them with a laudable zeal in the cause of this great enterprise. Therefore

Resolved, That the members of this body give countenance to all temperance organizations, and each contribute to the great enterprise by preaching a temperance sermon at each appointment in his charge as early as practicable in the conference year, and by the circulation of temperance tracts and books.

M. H. B. BURKETT, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The influence of the printing press upon the public mind and heart is almost incalculable—everywhere acknowledged and universally felt. Never was it a more important agency than at the present time, or its influence more felt.

For the purpose of profit and objects of ambition this mighty instrument is esteemed so valuable and is employed so efficiently. Shall not the Church consecrate it and develop its utmost capabilites to glorify God and bless the human family?

It is a gratifying fact that the Methodist Episcopal Church has established and maintains, at so early a period in its history, so extensive a book and periodical literature and of so high a religious character. And still the more gratifying that the enterprise is not that of a private individual, but connectional and for the benefit, and in the interest of the whole Church. The demand for a high religious literature is certainly very great in the bounds of our Conference, and this is no time for us to be idlers in the vineyard of the Lord. We should imitate the example of our fathers in the Church and not rest satisfied until our books and papers are placed in every Methodist family. We therefore most earnestly recommend to all

our members, especially, the Ladies' Repository and the Western Christian Advocate, as periodicals furnishing religious and denominational news, with which every member of our Church should be acquainted; furnishing at once a literature chaste and sanctified, adpated to the christian household, tending to the glory of God by leading the reader silently but certainly to the Cross of Christ and the throne of grace.

R. O. AYRES, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON FREEDMENS' AID SOCIETY.

In view of the pressing wants and interests of the Freedmen in our midst, your Committee present the following Resolutions;

Resolved 1st, That the Freedmens' Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church have our hearty sympathy.

Resolved 2d, That the Conference orgauize an auxiliary to the Freedmens' Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Resolved 3d, That we, as a Conference, pledge ourselves to use all our influence to aid the parent Society in promoting the cause of education among the Freedmen in our midst.

J. B. LITTLE, *President.*

J. WARTHMAN, *Secretary.*

ORGANIZATION.

James A. Ruble, President; J. Trull, George W. Coleman, Vice Presidents; John Petty, Secretary; Joseph P. Milburn, Treasurer.

REPORT ON CONFERENCE CHARTER.

The Committee on Conference Charter would respectfully submit the following:

The members of the Board of Trustees shall be divided into two classes. The first class shall consist of the first four names on the list, and their time shall expire with the ensuing conference year.

The second class shall comprise the last three names on the list, and their time shall expire with the next conference year succeeding that with which the term of the first class shall expire. Thus the entire Trustees may be changed in two years and shall have succession accordingly.

On behalf of the Committee.

L. F. DRAKE, *Chairman.*

Pastoral Address.

To the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the bounds of the Holston Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN:—As your pastor, we are desirous to address you on some of the more important interests and obligations growing out of the relation that we naturally sustain to the great household of faith; and we do this the more gladly from the fact that God has made it our duty as well as a glorious privilege, to assist each other in working out our own salvation. We would therefore stir up your pure minds, by way of remembrance of these things, though ye knew them and be established in the present truth. Such is our innate proneness to forget the things that make for our good and prosperity in this life, that we ever need line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little, to urge us to faithfulness in the practical performance of the great moral duties upon which are so eminently suspended the blessings and rewards which God holds in reversion for them that love and serve him in this life.

We most devoutly hope, that having given ourselves to the Church and the ministry for your sake, you will suffer the word of exhortation from us on this occasion.

The glorious and almost unparalelled success of our Church in this country within the past few years is certainly occasion for devout thanksgiving to God. After four years of deadly conflict and of devastating struggle the great rebellion succumbed, not by consent but by sheer force of necessity. And when the din of battle was hushed and peace was once more being restored to the friends of God and humanity, and the war clouds having passed away, what desolations, mourning and weeping were witnessed through all the land. And now with bleeding hearts the mournful enquiry was made by a few of the Methodist people who had dared to be loyal to the best government the sun ever shone upon, what has become of the Methodist Episcopal Church South? And so it was ascertained that the great mass of her ministry had refugeed before the Federal army and had left their sheep in the wilderness to shift for themselves. But soon the Macedonian cry was heard from this country going up to the Old Methodist Episcopal Church, "come over and help us." And come she did and met a most hearty welcome by thousands who had been driven from her bosom in 1845.

Through the instrumentality of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the old anti-slavery, humanity loving doctrines held and preached by an Asbury and Coke, with others, are again, under God, to be preached and heard all over this wide spread country, bearing the mark of God's approbation manifest in their wonderful success among the people. In her operations in this country during the last two years, see the thousands that

have eagerly returned to her bosom and joyfully settled down in their old and long loved home, and enjoy a communion and fellowship there which they can find no where else. And brethren this is but a part of her doings hundreds and thousands have been happily converted to God through her instrumentality, and stand forth as living and glorious testimonials of God's mercy and approbation, that probably would otherwise have been this day in the gall of bitterness and bonds of iniquity.

We look upon Methodism, the great fundamental doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church as practiced and preached by her ministry, to be doctrines revealed in the Bible and well calculated to better the moral condition of our race, in bringing them to repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ; lifting them up from the ruins of the fall, and presenting them as sinners, redeemed and saved to the God of Mercy, through the preciousness of the death of him who hath saved us aud washed us in his own blood.

But dear brethren if we would be very successful in the great and glorious work to which our Master has called us in our several relations to the church, we must never loose sight of the glorious doctrine of Christian perfection, yea, verily, we must seek it, we must groan after it, we must never stop short of it, we must live it, we must graciously enjoy it in our own poor hearts; the truth and power of holiness of heart, an entire consecration, full and earnest, to the work of God, as taught and promised in the Bible, enjoyed and preached by that good man, John Wesley, and his coadjutors in the early history of Methodism; in which doctrine, under God, is to be found the great element of their success in winning souls to God.

In order to this, brethren, we must remember and practice all the duties of a Christian, small and great, as clearly taught in the Holy Scriptures. We would therefore call your attention to the duty of secret prayer. "When thou prayest, enter into thy closet and when thou hast shut too the the door, pray to thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret, shall reward the openly." This is a Christian duty you cannot neglect without great danger and loss to your own souls, and a weakening of those moral influences which God intends to make efficient in you, to the salvation of those whom God has committed to your care. Do not forget to have your stated times of secret yrayer. It would be well to follow the example of David, praying morning, noon and night. Personal converse with God in the closet is very essential to our growth in religion, and progress to the home of the pious and good, in the better land. Therefore, brethren, pray without ceasing.

We would now call your attention to the duty of family religion and family prayers. It is to be feared that too many are living in the partial, if not total neglect of these duties. "Let your light shine before others, that they, seeing your good works, may be constrained to glorify our Father which is in Heaven." This must be done by the practice of everyday-

Christianity. In going in and out before the world we must live to impress them with the truth that our life is practically hid with Christ in God, and this should be preeminently so in reference to our own loved families—those pledges of his love and trust committed to our care, we should constantly live as if fully expecting to hear from the lips of Jehovah in the great day, "Christian parent, where is thy family whom I commanded you to train for Heaven and eternal life?" God has thus graciously given us our dear families in order that we might be blessed and benefitted in training them up for God, bringing them up in the way in which they should go, with the blessed assurance coming down from God, out of Heaven, upon our own hearts, in the promise that when he is old he will not depart from it. You may enquire at this point as did Nicodemus, of old, how can these things be? Our answer is this, in the fear and love of God, go do your duty, and God will certainly take care of results. It is not only our duty to pray with our families around the family altar, but it is also our duty to take them with us when we go to the closet to pray in secret, and thus, in early infancy, sow the seed of piety and grace in their infant hearts and minds, and the Great God that loves little children, who sent his son to die for little children, who, while upon earth, took them up in his arms and blessed them, the Holy One whose great heart yearns for their salvation, will see to it, that in the proper time the harvest shall be gathered to eternal life.

Your child may not now know what father and mother mean by taking them to the closet, bedewing their little heads with the tears of affection prompted by the throbbings of a full soul in prayer to God for mercy and grace upon their loved little babe who now knows nothing of Him with whom the mothers talks and pleads; but still that child has a mind—has a memory—and in after life, as it grows up to maturity and begins to look out upon the world in earnest searching after a knowledge of the object of its creation, and a desire to know the meaning of past events, it will certainly be led back to the times with mother in the closet praying to God, and in the developing of that mind learning that there is a Great God above, the maker of all things, who sent his son into the world to die for fallen man to bring him to God, and feeling as that child would necessarily feel from its teaching, and the Spirit of God that it was a poor condemned sinner in the government of God, with an anxious, earnest desire to be saved it would very reasonably be led to the correct conclusion that the being with whom mother talked in the closet when I was a child, is the God who saves poor wretched sinners from death and hell; and long after your heads are quietly sleeping in the grave, will your prayers and supplications be heard and answered in the salvation of those you loved and for whom you so earnestly prayed.

The duty of reading and studying of the Holy Scriptures is too much neglected among us. The blessed Bible is to all Christians a kind talk and fatherly instruction upon the great work of our salvation —it is our chart and way-mark to the goodly land—it contains all of interest to us in

this life, both of a spiritual and temporal nature. The great truths the Bible unfolds to our enquiring hearts is a mighty bulwark of defence in every time of temptation and trial. It becomes to us a shelter from the stormy blast, when the waves of bitter persecution beat heavily against our little bark, it comes to our hearts graciously assuring us that the good and great God is full of compassion and love to all them that faithfully serve him. Seek, then, to understand it, and turn away from the trashy, sickly, soul-corrupting productions of the present day. Let the Bible be to you the book of books—your guidance to the port of endless bliss. Then with care and earnest prayer, read all other books and periodicals that will assist you in coming to a knowledge of the fullness of Christ.

Brethren, ever keep in mind the great commands of the Bible urging you to a faithful persistence in attending upon the ministry of the word. God has called men of like passions with yourselves, and sent them out over all this land to preach to you the Gospel of His Son. In that Gospel, when coming through a warm heart deeply imbued with the Spirit of Heaven, there is much of life and comfort: it is as food to the soul, insomuch that the true humble Christian feels as did the Psalmist when he said "my heart was glad when it was said to me, let us go up to the House of God." Therefore, forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is, but exhort one another and so much the more as ye see the day approaching, be the more intent if possible, to press on in the good old way our fathers trod, allowing no persuasion to hinder your final success. While on this point we are led to think of the man who had through a long series of years been been bending his steps toward the Mount Zion above. While in old age, halting on his crutch to the house of God, pressed down under affliction and infirmity, he was halted by a friend who enquired why it was that at this time of life, he did not give up the house of God and quietly remain at home, urging as a reason why he might do so, his former faithful attending upon the preaching of the word. The old man of God, seeming to rise above infirmity and age, with his face all lighted up with divine love and holy expectation answered in these words: "I have been toiling and striving to gain the blessed shore too long and have gotten too near the end of my journey—too near my long sought home—to stop and turn back now, and loose all my past labor and travel;" and hastened on to the house of God, to hear again the message of divine love and mercy to man.

The duty of fasting is another command we fear is too much neglected. There is no duty more certainly impressed upon the Christian than is the duty of fasting, and in it is found much of that power which is the secret of the success that attends the Christian in his journey through life, strengthening and making him powerful through God, to the pulling down of strongholds. Brethren, remember this duty.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is a means of divine grace to which our attention is solemnly called in the Holy Scriptures. "Do this in remembrance of me." No Christian can wantonly neglect this solemn com-

mand without incurring the sore displeasure of God. See to it brethren, that on all suitable occasions you attend to this last dying request of our common Lord, and so eat His flesh and drink His blood, that your sinful souls may be made better in this life, preparatory to living with God forever in His kingdom above.

A faithful discharge of the duties above named will certainly bring you to a proper appreciation of the Gospel of the Son of God, and gently lead you to look after and attend to and supply all the reasonable wants of those who labor among you in word and doctrine. God has mercifully ordained that those who preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel. And now, beloved brethren, the very God of peace sanctify you wholly.

Brethren, pray for us.

R. W. PATTY, *Chairman Committee.*

Steward's Report.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS' NAMES.	SALARIES.			CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.
		CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICIENT.	
JONESBORO' DISTRICT.	*L. F. Drake, P. E.*,	$1,500 00	$1,500 00		
Jonesboro' Station,	John S. Petty,	733 34	733 34		
Jonesboro' Circuit,	A. R. Bennick,	550 00	350 00	$200 00	
Rheatown "	Joshph Milburn, Sr.,	840 00	431 85	408 15	
Greeneville Station,	J. L. Mann,	733 33	733 33		
Greeneville Circuit,	T. S. Walker and J. B. Fitzgerald,	520 00	241 08	278 92	
Fall Branch Circuit					
St. Clair "	Daniel B. Carter,	750 00	420 00	330 00	
Elizabethton Station,	W. P. Jackson,	358 00	358 00		
Elizabethton Circuit,	—— Pile,	540 00	220 00	320 00	
Taylorsville Circuit,	H. J. Crumley,	525 00	333 00	192 00	
Blountville, Bristol and Abingdon,	Willis Ingle,	600 00	360 00	240 00	
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT,	*T. H. Pearne, P. E.*,	$2,800 00	$2,400 00	$400 00	
Knoxville Station,	J. B. Ford,	2,296 67	2,140 00	126 67	$47 20
East Knoxville Station,	J. J. Manker,	1,387 40	1,041 52	345 88	4 00
Knoxville Circuit,	J. P. Milburn, Jr.,	566 00	345 97	226 03	23 00
" "	J. M. Hughes,	566 00	345 97	226 03	
Little River "	Daniel Carter,	566 00	391 00	175 00	24 00
Sevierville "	James D. Lawson,	645 83	498 10	147 73	24 00
Dandridge "	A. J. Greer,	850 00	696 74	153 26	8 00
Maynardville Circuit,	John Mahoney,	700 00	440 00	260 00	16 00
Jacksboro' "	J. B. Little,	750 00	230 00	520 00	5 00
Clinton "	R. O. Ayers,	495 00	406 05	88 95	17 00
Strawberry Plains Cir.,	John Cox,				3 00
ATHENS, DISTRICT,	*J. Albert Hyden, P. E.*,	$1,340 00	$1,340 00		
Athens Station,	R. D. Black,	700 00	488 25	$275 00	
Athens Circuit,	G. W. Coleman,	879 00	700 00	179 00	$20 00
Decatur "	Wm. R. Long,	800 00	467 62	332 38	
Sewee "	J. N. Moore,	991 66	666 66	325 00	1 00
Loudon "	T. H. Russel,	500 00	455 00	45 00	
Kingston "	S. W. Hyden,	1,025 00	704 00	321 00	
Mt. Gomery Circuit,	John Forister,	683 33	503 35	179 98	6 10
Jimtown and Huntsville Circuit	T. A. Cass,	624 15	462 13	162 02	
Madisonville Circuit,	J. N. Stamper,	800 00	416 00	389 00	
Maryville and Louisville Circuit,	James A. Ruble,	750 00	650 00	100 00	75 00
CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT,	*W. C. Daily, P. E.*,	$1,500 00	$1,495 00	$5 00	
Chattanooga Station,	J. W. Mann,	1,333 00	1,281 00	52 00	
Harrison Circuit,	P. H. Reid,	312 00	272 50	40 00	$6 00
Cleveland Station,	J. W. Warthman,	633 00	504 00	129 00	5 50
Cleveland Circuit,	A. F. Shannon,				3 50
Charleston "	P. S. Chambers,	175 00	168 00	7 00	7 70
Benton "	M. H. B. Burkett,	283 33	163 00	120 33	
Ducktown "	W. P. Proffit,				
Hamilton "	Elijah Still,	312 50	293 60	18 40	4 00
Jasper and Altamont Circuit.					3 50
Pikeville and Spence Circuit,	J. W. Pease,	532 00	455 00	77 00	

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CHARGES.	PREACHERS' NAMES.	SALARIES. CLAIMS.	SALARIES. RECEIPTS.	SALARIES. DEFICIENT.	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.
Rogersville District,	*W. C. Graves, P. E.*,	$1,200 00	$1,200 00		
Rogersville Circuit,	W. H. Rogers,	1,150 00	825 00	$325 00	
Sneedville "	G. M. Hicks,	400 00	173 00	227 00	
Tazewell "	Wm. Crutchfield,	516 66	356 15	160 51	
Powell's Valley Circuit,	P. F. Mountain,	297 66	168 46	129 20	
Morristown "	Lemuel Bogart,	275 00	171 88	312 00	
Newport "	J. L. Cardwell,	708 30	394 32	313 98	$7 35
Mossy Creek "	W. H. Harrison,	250 00	216 66	33 34	
Rutledge "	T. R. West,	300 00	250 00	50 00	
Kingsport "	Wm. Milburn,	850 00	513 37	336 62	6 35
Asheville District,	*F. M. Fanning, P. E.*,	$1,000 00	$700 00	$300 00	
Asheville Circuit,	T. W. Atkins,				
Catawba "					
Sulphur Springs Circuit					
Hendersonville "	J. F. Woodfin,	700 00	280 00	420 00	
Transylvania "	J. G. Trull,	514 16	380 66	133 50	
Waynesville "	B. F. Wells,	412 50	362 50	50 00	
Webster "	Isaac Clark,	300 00	289 30	11 90	
Franklin "					
Burnsville "					
Fort Emery and Murphy Circuit,	Wesley Haskins,				$2 50

RECAPITULATION OF STEWARDS' REPORT.

DISTRICTS.	ELDERS' NAMES.	SALARIES. CLAIMS.	SALARIES. RECEIPTS.	SALARIES. DEFICIENT.	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.
Jonesboro',	L. F. Drake,	$6,889 67	$5,680 60	$1,959 07	
Rogersville,	W. C. Graves,	5,846 96	4,268 84	1,278 77	$13 70
Knoxville,	T. H. Pearne,	8,932 90	6,310 41	2,484 48	196 30
Athens,	J. Albert Hyden,	9,093 14	6,848 01	2,244 14	102 10
Chattanooga,	W. C. Daily,	5,080 83	4,632 10	448 73	30 20
Asheville,	F. M. Fanning,	2,926 66	2,012 46	915 40	2 50
	Total,	$32,637 27	$25,842 02	$7,246 11	$344 80

Conference Collections were distributed as follows: James Cummings, $80 00, David Fleming, $80 00; W. H. H. Duggan, $80 00; Raphael Patty, $20 00; Nancy Patton, $64 80; John Alley, $20 00. Total $344 80.

G. W. COLEMAN, *Chairman.*
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WM. MILBURN,
J. J. MANKER,
M. H. B. BURKETT,
B. F. WELLS,
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KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

Knoxville Station,*	Rev.	J. B. Ford	$108 55
East Knoxville Station,	"	J. J. Manker	58 55
Knoxville Circuit,	"	J. Milburn	93 50
Little River Circuit,	"	Daniel Carter	35 10
Sevierville Circuit,	"	J. D. Lawson	23 00
Dandridge Circuit	"	A. G. Greer	25 00
Strawberry Plains Circuit,	"	John Cox	8 30
Maynardville Circuit,	"	John Mahoney	100 00
Jacksborough, Circuit,	"	J. B. Little	31 00
Clinton Circuit,	"	R. O. Ayres	72 00
		Total	$555 00

ATHENS DISTRICT.

Athens Station,	Rev.	R. D. Black	$13 00
Athens Circuit,	"	G. W. Coleman	95 00
Decatur Circuit,	"	Wm. R. Long	5 05
Sewee Circuit,	"	J. N. Moore	1 00
Loudon Circuit,	"	T. H. Russell	5 00
Kingston and Cumberland Circuit,	"	S. W. Hyden	25 25
Montgomery Circuit,	"	J. Forrister	15 15
Madisonville and Tellico Circuit,	"	J. N. Stamper	5 00
Maryville and Louisville Circuit,	"	J. A. Ruble	75 00
		Total	$239 45

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

Chattanooga Station,	Rev.	J. W. Mann	$45 00
Cleveland Station,	"	J. Warthman	11 60
Cleveland Circuit,	"	A. F. Shannon	11 45
Harrison Circuit,	"	P. H. Reed	10 75
Colored Charge,	"	A. Lewis	2 00
Charleston Circuit,	"	P. S. Chambers	9 50
Ducktown Circuit,	"	A. Hearen	4 25
Hamilton Circuit,	"	E. Still	16 85
Jasper and Altamont Circuit,	"	G. Julian	8 00
Pikeville and Jasper Circuit,	"	J. W. Peace	50
Chattanooga Colored Charge	"	H. Huston	2 00
		Total	$121 90

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

Asheville Circuit,	Rev.	T. W. Atkin	$10 00
Catawba Circuit,	"	T. J. Dossett	7 00
Sulphur Springs Circuit,	"	J. T. Evans	20 00
Hendersonville Circuit,	"	J. F. Woodfin	18 00
Transylvania Circuit,	"	J. G. Trull	1 50
Waynesville Circuit,	"	B. F. Wells	7 65
Webster Circuit,	"	Isaac Clark	6 30
Burnsville Circuit,	"	James Jones	10 00
Murphy Circuit,	"	W. Harkins	20 00
		Total	$100 45

* $40 00 to make Mrs. A. P. Pearne and Mrs. J. B. Ford life members of the Parent Missionary Society.

JONESBOROUGH DISTRICT.

Jonesborough Station,*	Rev.	J. S. Petty	$22 85
Jonesborough Circuit,	"	A. R. Bennick	7 05
Greeneville Circuit,	"	T. S. Walker	1 00
Elizabethton Station,	"	W. P. Jackson	5 00
Taylorsville Circuit,	"	H. J. Crumley	2 80
Blountville, Bristol and Abingdon C't,	"	W. Ingle	5 00
Total			$43 70

ROGERSVILLE DISTRICT.

Rogersville Circuit,	Rev.	W. H. Rogers	$1 00
Tazewell Circuit,	"	W. Crutchfield	7 70
Powell's Valley Circuit,	"	P. H. Mountain	5 00
Newport Circuit,	"	J. L. Cardwell	2 30
Mossy Creek Circuit,	"	W. H. Harrison	1 00
Rutledge Circuit,	"	T. H. West	5 00
Kingsport Circuit,	"	Wm. Milburn	6 35
Unappropriated and returned			16 65
Total			$45 00

RECAPITULATION.

Knoxville District	$555 00
Athens District	239 45
Chattanooga District	121 90
Asheville District	100 45
Jonesborough District	43 70
Rogersville District	45 00
Total	$1,105 50

* $20 to make Rev. J. S. Petty a life-member of the Parent Missionary Society.

STATISTICS OF HOLSTON CONFERENCE FOR 1867.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				For Conference Claimants.	CONTRIBUTIONS.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.		For Missionary Society.	Tract Society.	For S. S. Union.	No. Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
KNOXVILLE DIST.																		
Knoxville Station,	89	2	47	1	8	9	2	$17000			$47 21	$108 53			1	18	175	414
East Knoxville "	80	2	45	1	28	4					4 00	58 55	$3 00	$1 50	1	16	140	250
Knoxville Circuit,	547	10	112	1	72	30	7	4,200			23 00	90 00			10	99	500	1,470
Little River "	638	5	200	3	61	31	11	14,000			24 00	35 05			10	80	400	600
Sevierville "	710	9	93	4	11	73	9	6,400			24 27	23 00			10	72	420	710
Dandridge "	380	8	117	3	40	30	6	2,900	1	$400	8 00	25 00			7	56	354	625
Maynardville "	417	5	116	4	17	20	5	2,150			16 00	100 00		2 20	10	40	430	400
Jacksboro' "	276	4	210	4	12	22	8	3,100	1	600	5 00	31 00			6	53	222	626
Clinton "	410	6	72	4	4	12	7	1,200			17 00	72 00			7	54	375	500
Strawb. Plains Cir	409	4	114	4	23	7	5	3,000	1	250	3 00	8 30			5	56	185	646
Total,	3,956	55	1,126	29	276	238	60	53,950	3	1250	171 47	551 43	3 00	3 70	67	544	3,201	6,241
JONESBORO' DIST,																		
Jonesboro Station,	78	3	13		2		1	$3,000				22 85			1	16	67	278
Jonesboro Circuit,	459	2	22	2	40	3	6	2,000	1	1000		7 05			4	9	150	200
Rheatown "	800	7	40	6	100	66	8	9,000	1	800					11	63	740	1,881
Greeneville Station	72					1	1	4,000	1	500					1	17	75	260
Elizabethton "	68	2	16	3	5		1	3,000				5 00			1	12	65	200
Greeneville Circuit	480	7	81	2	29	41	5	3,200				1 00			10	84	560	1,159
Elizabethton "	394	1	50	3	115	25	3	600							5	21	220	50
St Clair "	498	6	191	4			3	2,400							10	90	598	1,231

Taylorsville Circuit.	360	4	353	4	160	21	3	5,000				2 50			5	26	150	340
Blountville "	664	5	30	8	50	50						5 00			6	33	237	464
Total,	3,873	37	796	32	501	207	31	32,200	3	2300		$43 40			54	371	2,862	6,063
ROGERSVILLE DIST.,																		
Rogersville Circuit,	247	4	60	3	75	42	4	3,500						12 00	6	43	205	1,000
Sneedville "	229	6	148	10	31	6	4	800							1	12	50	53
Tazewell "	432		75	7	70	38	6	2,200				7 70			1	3	40	
Powell's Valley Circ't,	161		71	6	28	1	1	200				5 00			1	3	51	
Morristown "	261	7	107	4	40	10									4	28	138	300
Newport "	436	6	278	5	123	47	7	2,500			7 35	2 30			8	61	413	707
Mossy Creek "	235	4	133		46	12	1	500				1 00			2	12	100	300
Rutledge "	334	6	43	1	46	8	6	2,000				5 00			1	12	75	200
Kingsport "	559	2	152	2	20	30	4	2,500			6 35	6 35			11	64	310	633
Thorn Hill "	200		25	2	40	5									1	5	40	
Total,	3,094	35	1,092	40	519	199	33	14,200			$13 70	$27 35		12 00	36	243	1,522	3,193
ATHENS DISTRICT,																		
Athens Station,	74	3	10	1	5	1	1	3,000				13 00			1	13	105	295
Athens Circuit.	346	3	138	3	30	35	7	5,400			20 00	95 00			8	50	400	425
Decatur "	259	1	48	4	30	15	4	520				5 05			5	30	375	540
Sewee "	451	6	146	7	108	40	6	2,500			1 00	1 00			13	130	780	800
Loudon "	84	1	46	1	16	12	1	1,500				5 00			1	12	65	120
Kingston "	344		62	3	40	12	5	4,700				25 25			10	114	565	953
Montgomery Circuit,	235	3	48	4	30	40	1	300			6 10	15 15			3	23	120	106
Jamestown & Hamilt'n	305		122	5	100	10	2	400							5	30	120	
Madisonville Circuit,	350	4	54	3	4	5	6	2,100			2 50	2 50			3	48	275	275
Maryville "	650	5	248	1	50	25	9	12,750			75 00	75 00			9	50	550	1,000
Total,	3,098	26	922	32	413	195	42	33,170			104 60	236 95			58	530	3,355	4,514
CHATTANOOGA DIST.,																		
Chattanooga Station,	61	1			25	3						47 00			1	8	60	100
Harrison Circuit,	214	2	57	2	16						6 00	10 75			3	27	183	240
Cleveland Station,	86	1		5	7	3	1	$1,000			5 50	11 60			1	12	165	199

STATISTICS OF HOLSTON CONFERENCE FOR 1867.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				CONTRIBUTIONS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers,	Local Preachers.	Adults,	Children.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	Tract Society.	For S. S. Union.	No. Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	Scholc.	Volumes in Library.
Cleveland Circuit,	386	5	41	3	35	10	7	2,000			3 00	11 45			6	45	260	541
Charleston "	205	2	59	1	50	15	5	1,000			7 70	9 50			2	18	100	99
Benton "	320	6	32	5	20	20	3	1,200							3	30	150	200
Ducktown "	340		65	4											6	62	451	510
Hamilton "	408	4	68	3	85	37	4	800			4 00	16 85			6	38	259	272
Jasper "	400		46	5							3 50	8 00			5	32	177	
Pikeville "	189	2	70	5	27	6	7	1,250				50			7	35	140	99
Total,	2,609	23	438	33	265	94	27	7,250			$29 70	$115 65			40	307	1,945	2,260
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT,												10 00			4	24	125	200
Asheville Circuit,	225	2	21		20	16						10 00			2	15	125	
Burnsville "	150	1	64	1	11	18						7 65			13	80	665	800
Waynesville "	355	2	75	8	43	49	5	650				1 50			2	6	85	117
Transylvania Circuit,	62	1	9			3	3	400				6 30			4	48	87	187
Webster "	47	1	26		1	3						7 00			2			
Catawba "	314	2	68	1	31	11	2	200				20 00			5	25	150	
Murphy "	144	2	37	3	5	8					2 50							
Hendersonville "	301		27															
Total,	1,598	11	327	13	111	108	10	$12,50			$2 50	$62 45			32	198	1,237	1,304
Grand Total,	18,228	187	4,701	179	2,085	1041	203	142020	6	3550	$321 97	1,037 23	$3 00	15 70	277	2,193	14122	23575

COLORED.																		
Chattanooga,	85		42	6										1	6	35		
Holston Circuit,	284		80	6	64	35								5	11	133	474	
Harrison "	300			4							$2 00			5	12	160		
Total,	669		122	16	64	35					$2 00			11	29	328	474	
Aggregate,	18,897	187	4,823	195	2,149	1076	203	142020	6	$35,50	$321 97	1,039	23	$3 00	15 70	288	2,222	14450	24049
Increase for the year,	4,979		530	58	1,087	593	44	55695	4	$2,200	$289 97	466	42	$3 00	15 70	120	1,806	6,226	17094

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